REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 19, 2003, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 6-11 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter and claims 12-14 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1-5 have been canceled and claims 6 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims do not narrow the scope of the claims. Claims 6-14 are pending and claims 6-11 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Snowden (U.S. Patent No. 4,294,783). As claims 1-5 have been canceled, the rejection is now rendered moot.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 6-11 and allowing claims 12-14. In that claims 1-5 have been canceled, the Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 6-14 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 100725-00071.**

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